

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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**RELEASED:** June 28,1999 3:00 p.m.– Temperatures were below normal to near normal for most of the state and most areas had well above normal. Heat and humidity returned to the state during the week according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 5.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 22 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included planting soybeans, harvesting wheat and hay, flooding rice fields, irrigating corn and rice, and fertilizing corn, cotton, rice, and pastures, applying mid-season nitrogen applications to rice.

**CROPS:** Planting of soybeans was reported by several counties. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and insecticides to cotton for thrips. Tomatoes and peaches were being harvested.

**LIVESTOCK:** Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given bang vaccinations, treated for external parasites and were reported in good condition statewide.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % <sup>1</sup>				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				0	3	33	55	9
Planted	100	100	100					
Emerged	100	100	100					
COTTON				0	4	25	58	13
Squaring	85	88	76					
Setting Bolls	1	8	5					
RICE				0	2	22	55	21
Headed	0	5	1					
SOYBEANS				0	3	32	54	11
Planted	91	95	90					
Emerged	82	86	78					
Blooming	7	11	6					
CORN				0	2	30	49	19
WHEAT				0	2	11	59	28
Harvested	88	97	83					
OATS				0	0	32	31	37
Harvested	87	100	84					
ALFALFA				0	1	15	74	10
OTH. HAY				0	3	25	64	8
PASTURE				1	4	26	59	10

<sup>1</sup>Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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